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In re Application of: š Chen et al. š Group Art Unit: 1763 ω ω ω ω ω ω ω ω Serial No.: 10/712.690 Confirmation No.: 9100 Examiner: Rudy Zervigon Filed: November 13, 2003 For: Apparatus and Method for Hybrid Chemical Š š Processing CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION MAIL STOP AMENDMENT I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited on with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage Commissioner for Patents as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or electronically transmitted to Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office via EFS-Web to the attention of the Commissioner for Patents, on the date shown below. Dear Sir

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 25, 2006

August 25, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 25, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/006766/JPC, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Pending Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both Replacement Sheets and Annotated Sheets showing amendments. Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.